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# Preface.

Believers, in "Christ's Second Appearing", who are united in one body, possess one united, and consecrated interest, and therefore, must in all things, and under all circumstances, be influenced, led and governed by one spirit, which is the Spirit of God, and be subject to one general law, which is the law of Christ, in this day of His "Second Appearing."

But as this general law, comprehends all that is necessary for the moral and religious government of Believers, so it is divided into a variety of statutes, and rules, which will apply to all general cases, and teach us our duty in the various situations, and relations which we may be called.

The first and great command enjoined upon all Believers, is, that we love

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the Lord our God with all our hearts, might, mind and strength, and the second is like unto it, that we love the Brethren and Sisters as ourselves.

Under the influence of the first we shall always be obedient to our Parents, and Elders in the gospel; and under the influence of the second, we shall do to all mankind as we wish them to do unto us.

It may not be improper here to remark, that the Orders, and laws of Zion, relative to her seperation from the spirit of the world within, and without, and relative to confession and repentance of sin, and reconciliation between dissenting parties; also to self denial, purity, and a proper intercourse between the sexes; and the order of the Anointing of God, and the transmission of the same to successors, &c. are unchangable.

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But those rules, and regulations, relative to health, economy, and such as are the attendants of local circumstances, in the social connections of Society, are subject to such modifications, amendments, or repeals, as circumstances require for the union and protection of the various Societies and families, throughout Zion.

And it is, consequently, the privilege and duty of the Lead in each Society, and family, to add to, or diminish the number of such in this Book, as their situation & circumstances require, for the safety, union, and protection of the people under their charge.

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# Part II.

## Section I.

### Orders concerning the Duties of Trustees, Family Deacons, and Deaconesses; And the Duties of other Members thereunto.

1.^{rst} Believers, must not run in Debt to the world.

2. The order of the gospel requires Trustees, before making any heavy purchases, or sales, to ask counsel, and obtain union of the Ministry, and Elders of the Church, or Family over which they preside.

3. Believers, should not require interest, of each other, on money borrowed to purchase the necessities, or comforts of life.

4. Members should not purchase articles for themselves without the liberty of the Deacons, or Deaconesses; each sex in its own order.

5. No new fashions, concerning manufacturing clothing, or Wares of any kind, may be introduced into any Society of Believers, without the sanction of the Ministry of the Society. And superfluous articles should not be purchased, or used by Believers.

## Conditional Orders.

Omit.

1 The Family Deacons, and Deaconesses, are responsible to the Elders in all matters of importance, that come under their cognizance concerning the temporal business of the Family.

2. Members employed to do business for the Trustees, at home, or abroad, must render a full and explicit account to them of all their expenditures, and transactions, when such duties are performed.

* 3. When the order of the gospel is fully established, members should not apply to the Office Deacons, or Deaconesses, for needful Articles, or for Articles of convenience, nor for money for the purchase
* of the same, but to the family Deacons, and Deaconesses.

4. Brethren and Sisters have no liberty to make for themselves, or for others, important accommodations, or conveniences, without the union or consent of the Deacons, or Deaconesses, each sex in its own order.

5. It is the duty of Family Deacons and Deaconesses, to dictate the cooks, and the duty of the Elders, and Elderesses, to see that good order is attended to concerning the same.

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## Important Counsels.

1.st Trustees desiring the help of other

members to do business for them, or to perform any official duties, at home, or abroad, must apply to the Elders for the same.

2 When two or more are out together, they should as far as consistent, both eat at one table, and sleep in one room, and, when walking the streets, endeavor to keep together as much as consistent.

3. Those who go out on business for the Trustees, have no more right to buy, sell, bargain or trade for themselves, in any way, than any other members of the family.

4. As the Trustees, are called to be examples of godliness, gospel plainness, prudence, and good economy, in temporal things, they should not purchase for themselves, or receive as a Gift or present, to be kept by them, or at their place of residence, any article, or Articles, of convenience, that are superfluous, or unnecessary, or

such as are disowned in the church, or family, over which they preside as Trustees.

5. *Trustees*, should attend to Meetings with the family, as much as their duties will possibly admit, as they need the union and strength of the body, of the family; they should also, attend to *meals*, with the family, as far as possible, that they may know how to *feel* for their temporal needs, and circumstances, with regard to provisions.

6. When Believers resort to taverns, and public places, they should not blend with the wicked by uniting in unnecessary conversation, jesting, and joking, talking upon politics with them, or disputing, or enquiring into things which serve to draw the sense from the pure way of God.

7. All *Believers*, who go out among the world, should observe, so far as possible, their order of kneeling at home, and should endeavor to

kneel in prayer each day.

8 A supply of such small tools and articles, as Sisters need, which Brethren make should be made by order of the Deacons, and delivered to the Family Deaconesses, to whom the Sisters should apply for the same when desired.

9. If Sisters desire tools, convenience, or articles of manufacture, which come in the Brethren's line of business, and which would require much time to make, they should apply to the Family Deaconesses.

10. Family Deacons, and Deaconesses, should have the general oversight, of all work done in the Family for sale, and the general direction of persons employed at the same, in union with the Trustees.

# Section III

## Order relative to Physicians.

1. Brethren should not apply medical aid to Sisters which are sick, without the knowledge of Sisters who stand in the lot with them; and the same Rule applies to Sisters, where there are Brethren Physicians.

## Counsels.

1 The Physicians should at all times, hold themselves accountable to the Elders, with regard to the administration of Medicine.

2 When an individual is so unwell as to be necessitated to resort to the place of the sick, the Physicians should make the case known to the Elders.

3 If any of the Brethren, or Sisters, need assistance in the medical line, they should apply to the Physicians

of their own family, and of their own sex, if there be such; and if not, to such as are appointed; and give themselves up to their direction; as it respects their medical treatment. All, however, have liberty to request such medicines as they desire; but are counselled to abide the decision of the Physicians, whether they think it suitable for them to have it, or not.
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4. It is advisable for Believers to avoid employing Doctors of the world, except in some extreme cases, and in such cases, the Ministry and Elders, should decide whether it be proper or not.

# Part II.

## Commence Section I. Read

### Orders concerning the Confession of Sin, and Opening the Mind.

1. No Believer can be justified in keeping any *sin* covered, under any pretense whatever; but *all* are required to make confession thereof, to those who are appointed in the order of God to hear them.

2. If any member should know of any *sin*, or actual transgression of the law of Christ, in any one of the family, or Society, and have reason to believe the same is not known, or has not been confessed in order, the member to whom the matter is known is bound to reveal it to the Elders, so that sin may be put away, otherwise they participate in the guilt and condemnation thereof.

3. All Believers, who ignorantly, carelessly, or willfully break the sacred orders of the gospel, are required to confess the same in the line of Order, and this should be done before assembling to worship God.

4. All trials, must be opened to those set in order to hear them; and to no other person.

5. If any member not appointed to hear openings, attentively hears disorderly persons disclose their trials, or their disaffected feelings, concerning Ministry, Elders, Deacons, Brethren or Sisters, it is solemnly enjoined on such to make con-fession of the matter to their Elders, as a transgression of the Order of God, in hearing such openings.

6. No member of the family who may be admonished, or reproved by the Elders, for any faults whatever, is allowed to make any en-quiry, or to take any pains to find out by whom the matter was opened to the Elders.

7. Omit — Members should not go to the Ministry, to open their minds without the knowl-edge of their Elders, unless the Ministry call up-on them for that purpose, in which case, it is their duty to be free — And if members

manifest to their Elders, a desire to see the Ministry, the Elders should make it known to the Ministry.

* 8. Read— If any member should discover any violation of the law of Christ, or any thing contrary to the known precepts of the gospel, in any person entrusted in any lot of care, either spiritual, or temporal, however high, or important their lot and calling may be, the person making the discovery, is bound to make it known to
* the Ministry, or some one appointed to hear openings.

9. If any person should be overcome with anger, so as to lay a Brother or Sister in the lie, or speak, or act, contrary to the gospel of Christ; or by any means try to irritate, or wound the feelings of a Brother, or Sister, they are not justified until restored by confession.

10. No member is allowed to present himself to Worship God, when under the con-

demnation of sin unconfessed. But all are required to present themselves to worship with clean hands, pure hearts, and a justified conscience.

11. If Brethren have aught to open concerning any Sister, they must open it to their Elder Brethren, and, if Sisters have aught to open concerning any Brother, they must open it to their Elder Sisters.

# Section II.

## Orders, concerning the Worship of God. Attending Meetings &c. &c.

1st. All, are required to attend Meetings at the appointed time, and no one may be absent from Meetings without obtaining permission of the Elders for the same.

2. If any member is absent from Meeting without the Elders knowledge, and union, such an one should inform the Elders of the cause of absence the first opportunity after Meeting.

# Supplement.

## Counsels &c.

* Omit—

1. All members while sitting in retiring time should sit erect, and in straight ranks.

2. All, should attend to the reading of the Hymn, or Anthem, that is to be sung in Meeting, which should always be read in retiring time; and none should have any conversation upon any thing, except it be very needful, neither should they sleep, or idly lounge away the time, or leave the room, except it be very necessary.

3. All, should go into Meeting in the fear of God, walking softly, or upon their toes, except unable to do so; and no one should have any talking, laughing, or hanging upon the railing, while passing to, or from Meeting.

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4. Read_ When Brethren and Sisters, place themselves in a body, in Meeting, for the Worship of God, the ranks should be straight, not only to the right and left; but also forward and back; and forward ranks, should always be as long, as any of the rest; and by no means should there be vacancies in the ranks; it has a tendency to excite disunion.

5. Omit_ Brethren and Sisters should not allow themselves to be gaping, or yawning in Meeting.

6 Read_ When any person is kneeling in devoted prayer, whether in meeting, or elsewhere, all who are present, should attend, and

not be otherwise engaged.

7. Brethren, and Sisters should repair to their rooms when the signal is given for that purpose, and retire in silence the appointed time, and labor for a sense of the gospel before attending Meetings.

# Section VIII.

## Orders Concerning the Sabbath.

1. No Books, except the Bible, and Believers publications may be read on the Sabbath, except by permission of the Elders. And News-papers, Periodicals, Advertisements, Almanacs, Pamphlets, Literary, Scientific, Miscellaneous, Unreligious, or Worldly Books of any kind, should not be read on the Sabbath.

2. No kind of fermented liquors should be used on the Sabbath, except medicine administed by the Physicians.

3. There should be no riding out on the Sabbath, unless duty requires.

4. Clothes for the Wash, should not be carried to the Wash-House, on the Sabbath; after sun-rise, until after supper; at which time, the Sisters, may prepare them for Washing.

5. No one should walk out, on the Sabbath, except on duty.

6. Cutting of the hair, pairing the nails, blacking, or greasing of shoes, or boots, and such like things, should not be done on the Sabbath.

# Supplement.

## Conditional Orders.

1. There should be no Baking of Bread, Cakes, or pies, no frying of cakes, and no cooking of meat, in any way, on the Sabbath, Fruits, and Vegetables should not be prepared for cooking on the Sabbath, neither should they be gathered unless in case of great necessity.

2. Shaving the beard, should never be done on the Sabbath, unless in case of great necessity, when it is quite inconsistent to avoid it.

3. Where there is Dwelling-House room provided, Shops should not be frequented,

or occupied as a residence on the Sabbath. But when duty renders it necessary to visit them, the tarry should be short as consistent.

4. Shop-Windows, fronting the street, should not be left open on the Sabbath, except on some needful occasion.

## Counsels.

No labor should be performed on the Sabbath, that can consistently be avoided, but all should keep the day holy and sacred unto the Lord.

Bathing, or showering, if done on the Sabbath, should be early in the morning, except in case of sickness.

3. Loud or boisterous talking, or laughing also, conversation upon politics, war, or worldly subjects, in general, also, telling worldly stories, should be avoided on the Sabbath.

Omit—

# Section IV.

## Orders concerning Christmass, and Days appointed by Government, to be Kept.

Read—

1. In conformity to the general practice of christendom, (so called) Believers, should keep christmass, and on this day, should examine themselves in regard to their union with each other; and if hard feelings, or grudges are found, they should this day be put away and reconciliation should be made, and union gained between such as have been dissensions, that the Spirit of Christ may abide in every soul.

2. Christmass, should be kept sacredly, like unto the Sabbath, until sunset.

3. Days appointed by the Government for fasting and prayer, and for thanksgiving are also, required to be kept, and regarded; and Believers should attend one Meeting, and devote the remainder of the day, in cleaning and putting their apartments in order.

# Section V.

## Orders Concerning intercourse, Between the Sexes.

1. The Gospel strictly forbids all private union between the sexes, in any place, case, or under any circumstances whatever.

2. One Brother, and one Sister, must not be together alone at any time longer than to do a short and necessary duty, or errand, and must not have pri-

vate talk together, at all which they de-
sire to have unknown to their Elders; nei-
ther should Brethren and Sisters touch each
other unnecessarily.

3. Brethren and Sisters, must not make presents, to each other in a private manner.

Omit-

4. Brethren and Sisters, should not pass each other on the stairs.

5. Brethren and Sisters, should not shake hands together.

6. Sisters, must neither mend, nor set Buttons, on Brethren's clothes, while they have them on.

7. It is not allowable for Brethren and Sisters to give to, or swap with each other any tools, books, or clothing, of any kind, without the

knowledge,

and union of those who have charge of providing such things.

8 When Brethren go to Sister's rooms, or Sisters to Brethren's rooms, they should always rap at the door, and wait to be bidden in.

9. Brethren, or Sisters, should not dress, in garments belonging to the opposite sex, nor allow themselves to try on such garments.

# Conditional Orders.

Omit

1. Brethren and Sisters should not work together much length of time except on special occasions, and then in union with the Elders.

2. Brethren and Sisters should not write, for each other; nor to each other, without liberty from the Elders.

3. If Brethren, or Sisters, need instruc

tion, in reading, writing, or music, or any other branch of literature, or science, they must receive it from those of their own sex, or by such persons, as the Elders may appoint.

4. Brethren and Sisters, should not go to each others apartments, after evening Meetings, at night, except, on some very needful occasion.

5. Read The Brethren should all leave their Rooms, while the Sisters are doing the necessary chores therein, unless prevented by sickness or infirmity.

6. When Sisters walk out into the fields to the barns, or Brethren's Shops, there should be, at least, two in company. Exceptions, should be by liberty of the Elders.

# Counsels.

1. Brethren should <u>avoid</u> shaking hands with <u>woman</u> of the world, as far as consistent, and Sisters should, in like manner <u>avoid</u> shaking hands with <u>men</u> of the world.

* 2. When Brethren <u>go</u> to Brethren's Rooms, or Sisters to Sisters Rooms, it is ~~f[illegible]y)~~ <u>good</u> <u>order</u>, to ask leave to enter, before entering rooms, where
* they do not live.

Read

3. Brethren or Sisters should <u>avoid</u> standing, or sitting on the <u>out-side</u> <u>steps</u>, <u>plat-form</u>, or halls, to hold lengthy conversation, either Brethren, with Brethren, Sisters with Sisters, or, of Brethren and Sisters together.

Omit

4. In times of Meetings for Worship, and in <u>union</u>, or <u>singing</u> <u>Meetings</u>, there should be at least, five feet distance, between the ranks of Brethren and Sisters, and no one should stand, or sit, in a lounging

position.

Read

5. All, should attend union Meetings, at the appointed times, unless special duty requires them to be absent.

Omit

6. When consistent to avoid it, Brethren, and Sisters Shops should not be under one, and the same roof.

7. It is not commendable for Brethren to go to Sisters Shops, or Sisters to Brethren Shops, for the purpose of partaking of Melons, Fruits, Nuts &c.

8. Brethren and Sisters should avoid hanging their garments together.—

## Section VI.

## Orders Concerning the Language

# Of Believers.

Read

1. All filthy stories, and all conversation which tends to excite lustful sensations are directly contrary to the purity of the gospel, and utterly forbidden, and whoever offends in this matter, must make confession before meeting, or stand behind all in the ranks when assembled for Worship. All who hear, or listen to such conversation are required to open it before meeting.

2. All telling falsehoods, evil speaking one of another; All Back-biting, or tatling, are utterly forbidden by the gospel.

3. No one should carry news from one to another, that will stir up, and make mischief; or bring up faults, or failings, that have been confessed and put away.

4. *Believers*, should not compare their Brethren and Sisters, to filthy vagabonds of the world.

5. When Brethren and Sisters seek a favor of another, they should always ask in a becoming manner, as,- "*Will you be so kind*?" &c. And when a kindness is received, they should return thanks, respectfully, as, "*I kindly thank you*."-

6. *Worldly titles*, should not be applied by Believers, to their Brethren and Sisters.

Read

7. When *Believers*, hold conversation with those who have turned from the way of God; they should correctly report the same to their Elders.

8. No Believer, should rehearse, the mistakes, or faults, of any one, in the body, or out, to those not having knowledge of the same, so as to hand them down from one generation to another.

# Counsels.

1. Believers should not call Nick-names, use "By Words," or "Worldly Epressions"; neither should they address one another with "worldly titles."

2. Believers, should avoid, repeating the cursing, and swearing, of the world, when relating the stories of such language or circumstances, with which it was connected.

3. It is ungodly for Brethren and Sisters, to threaten of rejecting their privilege in the way of God, and turning back to the world.—

# Section VII.

## Orders Concerning the Furniture of Retiring Rooms.

Omit

* 1 No Maps, Charts, Pictures, or Paintings, should ever be hung up in Retir. Rooms; and no pictures, paintings, or likenesses, as Daugurrotypes &c. set in frames, or otherwise, should ever be kept by Believers; - Modest Advertisements, may be put up in the Trustees Office, when necessary.

2. If any one mars, breaks, or destroys, any Article of furniture, in the retiring Rooms, where they live; it is the duty of such to acknowledge the same to the Deacons, as the case may be; and if possible, to repair the injury.

# Conditional

## Orders.

Omit

* 1. Political, News-Papers, should not
* be read in Retiring Rooms.

## Counsels.

1. The furniture of dwelling-rooms, among Believers, should be plain in style and unembellished by stamps, flowers, paintings, or gildings, of any kind. And Looking-Glasses, ought not to be purchased by Believers, exceeding about 12 by 20 inches.

# Section VIII.

## Orders Concerning Books, Pamphlets And Writings in General.

1. Very superfluously marbled, or gilt Books, or Papers, should not be used among Believers.

Read

2. Brethren, and Sisters are not allowed to purchase, or borrow Books of the world, or other families of Believers, without the permission of the Elders of the family with whom they live.

* 3. None should read Books, when out among the world, that are not allowed of among Believers. & If the world should offer any Believer a Book, that would be allowed of, tho' they might not have had liberty to get such a Book, it would be better to accept such Book, than to give offence; but it should be shown
* to the Elders, before it is read, or circulated.

4. No Books, Pamphlets, or Almanacs, of any kind, are allowed to be brought into the family without the knowledge and approbation of the Elders.

5. All letters, received by any member not set in order, to transact business with the world, or with other Believers, should invariably be shown to the Elders, and this should be done before being shown, or read to, or by any other person.

6. If any member should write, a letter to send abroad, it should be shown to the Elders, before it is sealed or sent away; but the Office Deacons, are allowed to write, or receive letters, on temporal business only, without showing them to the Elders. But all communications written, or received by them, or any other person, not connected with the business transactions, in the line of their official duties, - should be shown to the Elders.

Omit

Read

* 7. No Hymns, Anthems, or Songs, of any kind, or any other writings, except as before shown, may be carried out, or brought

in to the family, without the knowledge, and
* approbation of the Elders thereof.

## Conditional Orders.

Omit

* 1. News-Papers, should be subscribed for, by those at the office, as a general Rule, and none should come into the family, except, by the knowledge, of the Elders.

## Counsels.

1. One or two "family Journals," should be kept by each family, in which all important occurrences, or business transactions of the family, aside from the Office, should
* be registered.

## Section IX.

# Orders Concerning Going abroad, And Intercourse with the World.

1. Read When Believers need to go abroad, out of the line of their ordinary business, they should obtain the union of their Elders. And persons employed to do business, should inform the Elders, if to be absent over night.

2 Omit When members of the family need spending money, they should apply to the Family Deacons, or those set in order for keeping the same, and to them a correct account of all expenses, should be made when the money is returned.

3. Read | It is not allowable for Believers, to go into Museums, Theatres, or to attend, Caravans, or shows, to gratify curiosity.

Omit

4\. One Brother, and one Sister, must not walk out, or ride out together, without a third person, nor take with them for company a child under ten years of age, for their only companion. Any exceptions to this Rule should be by special liberty of the Elders.—

5\. In families, gatherered into order, no members, but those appointed for that purpose, should keep Money.

Read

6\. When Brethren and Sisters go from home, for a Ride, for a Visit, or, if absent over night on business, they should give the Elders an account of their proceedings, and circumstances, attending their journey, when they return home.

## Section X.

# Orders Concerning the Literary Education and Schooling Of Children.

Read

1. No member but those appointed by the Lead, may study Physic, Pharmacy, Anatomy Surgery, Law, &c. &c. and Phrenology, Mythology, Mesmerism, and such sciences, as are foreign from Believers duty, should not be studied at all by Believers.

2. 1 Spelling, Reading, Writing, Linnear, Drawing, English Grammar, Composition Arithmetic, Mensuration, the science of Agriculture; Agriculteral Chemistry, Physiology, A portion of History, and Geography, Music, Moral Science, Good Manners, and true Religion, are sufficient, as general School

studies, for children among Believers.

# Section XI.

## Orders, Concerning the Dead.

1. Omit. When the spirit is departing, and a person is breathing the last, all present should kneel in prayer.

2. It is sufficient to dress a Male corpse, in a shirt and shroud, a handkerchief; or Cravat, and Muffler, if necessary; And for a female, add there to, a Cap, and Collar.-

# Section XII.

## Miscellaneous Orders.

1. Read All wrestling, scuffling, beating

striking, or fighting, in any sense of the word is utterly forbidden by the gospel.

2. No persons may have private communications written, spoken, or in actions, intentionally secreted from their Elders.

3. No kind of "ardent spirits," may be drank by Believers, except by Order of the Physicians.

4. It is an established Order, for Believers, to kneel in prayer, on retiring to rest at night, and on rising in the morning.

5 It is an established Order, for Believers, to kneel before and after eating, when at home, and among themselves; and when among the world, so far as consistent; and when kneeling in prayer and thanksgiving, all, should close their

eyes, and devote their souls to God.

6. No unnecessary figuring, lettering, and no superfluity, should be used in making tools, or garments.

7. No writing with red ink, should be done by way of embellishment.

8. No gilding may be put upon Books, manufactured by Believers; and no Names of individuals may be lettered in gold leaf, upon the out-side cover of Books of any kind.

9. Boys under fifteen years of age, should not make any use of Guns; and the longer they let Guns alone, the better; as hunting is not commendable.

10. Fancy Articles of any kind, or articles, that are superfluously finished, trim-

med, or ornamented, are not suitable for Believers, and should not be purchased or used.

# Conditional Orders.

1. 1 All, should rise in the morning at the signal given for that purpose unless prevented by sickness or infirmity.

~~Omit~~

2. Brethren should leave their room, within fifteen minutes, after the signal time of rising in the morning, unless prevented by sickness or infirmity.

Read

3. All, who sleep in one and the same room, should kneel and retire to rest together, so far as consistent; but if any desire to sit up to work, or for other purposes, they should get liberty of the Elders, and inform those with whom they lodge.

4. There should be no talking after retiring to

rest at night, except on some important occasions.

* 5. Those Appointed Care-Takers of Dwelling-Rooms, are responsible that good Order is maintained therein, and that disorder is reported to the Elders.

Omit

6. Visiting between the world and Believers, should be done at the Office, in families where there is one, except otherwise directed by the Elders.

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7. Brethren and Sisters should not give away any of their garments, or tools, without the union of the Deacons, or Deaconesses, Taylors, or Tayloresses, who have charge of providing such things.

## Counsels.

1. Where public stores, are kept,

the place of storage should be secured by locks and keys.

2. Cider if kept at all, should be secured by lock; and kept under the charge of some suitable person.

Read

3 When Brethren or Sisters, wish to make presents to their friends among Believers, or elsewhere, they should obtain liberty of their Elders; and those first in care, in temporal things, to do so.-

# Part III.

# Concerning Temporal Economy.

## Section I.

## Of Prudence, Neatness &c.

1. Omit No kind of liquid matter,

should be thrown out of the windows of painted buildings, and no Apple parings, nor the refuse of any kind of fruit, should be thrown out at the windows of the Dwelling House, or Shops, into the Door-Yards, or Street.

2. Brethren or Sisters should not throw away their old shoes, boots, socks, or garments, but they should be shown to those who have the charge of such things, to be disposed of, as they deem proper.

3. Flowers, fruit Trees, or shrubbery should not be set around, or adjacent to Dwelling House, or Shops, which occupy a front position.

## Counsels. &c.

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1. No kind of filthy, Rubbish, may be left to remain around the Dwellings,

Shops, nor in the Door-Yards, or Streets, in front of the (Dwelling) Houses, or Shops.

2. All the Gates, should be closed on Saturday Nights, in the summer, and Work-Rooms, should be kept swept, the work and tools, should be put in order, and safely secured from thieves.

3. When a pane of Glass, gets broken in a front Window, it must be mended before the Sabbath.

# Section III.

## Orders to prevent Loss by Fire.

1. No person should carry fire about the Door-Yards, or among the buildings, unless safely secured, in a Lantern, Fire-Box or other safe Vessel.

2. No one may enter a closet, Clothes-Room, or other By-place, not frequented, with an "open light."

3. Lighted Lamps, or Candles, must not be carried to the Barns, or other out-Buildings, unless enclosed in a Lantern, and no Lanterns, are allowed to be carried on to Hay-Mows; nor to be opened in the Barn, nor in any place where sparks, would be liable to set any-thing on fire.

4. No lighted Lamps, or Candles, may be held over Chests, Drawers, Shaving-Baskets, and such like places.

5. No one may go to Chests, of clothing, Drawers, Shaving-Wood-Boxes, Closets, or back, and by places, while smoking; neither may they empty their pipes, in Spit-Boxes; nor go to smoke in uninhabited Rooms.

6. It is not allowable to go out of doors, any where, among the buildings with lighted pipes; and it is better, not to smoke at all.

7. It is not allowable, to boil Oil, or varnish, in our buildings any where.

8. No Ashes should be emptied into their place of deposit, after one o'clock in the afternoon; neither may ashes ever be taken up in a wooden Vessel; and Ash-Vessels should not be set, or hung on wood-Boxes, or shaving Baskets with ashes in them.

9. The snuff of a burning lamp, or Candle, should never be dropped into "spit-Boxes", where there is saw-dust, or any combustible matter.

10. Spit-Boxes, should not be left under the Stove-Hearth, at any time.

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11. When a Room is left for the night or much length of time, the Stove door should be shut, if there is fire in it, and the place secured from fire.

# Counsels.

1. Chimneys, should be burned out once a year, and at a time when the roofs are sufficiently wet to prevent taking fire

# Section III.

## Orders Concerning Beasts.

1. Beast. 1 No Believer is allowed to play with cats, and dogs; it is strictly forbidden, neither should they make Room-Mates of them, nor make unnecessary freedom with any of the beasts of the field.

2. 2 No dogs, may be kept in any

family that is gathered into Order.

3. No Beasts belonging to the people of God, should be left to suffer with hunger, thirst, or Cold, in consequence of neglect, on the part of those who have the care of such Beasts; but all should be kept in their proper places, and be properly attended to according to needs.

4. No beasts, or any living thing may be wantonly, pained, injured, or tortured; and no living being, should be corrected or chastened in a passion.

# Counsels.

* 1. Horses and cattle, must not feed, or run together, in one pasture.

2. Beasts should not be called
* by the given, or Christian names of persons.

# Section IV.

## Concerning the Order of the Natural Creation.

* 1. Different species of trees, or plants, may not be engrafted, or budded upon each other, except Pears, which may be engrafted upon the quince.

2. The different species of animals, should also, be kept distinct, in its own order.

* 3. No fowls may be set on the eggs of fowls of different kinds.

## Counsels.

1. Believers should not spend their

time in cultivating fruits, and plants, not adapted to the climate in which they live.

## Section V.

# Orders, Concerning Building, Painting &c.

1. Beadings, Mouldings, and Cornishings, which are merely for fancy, may not be made by Believers.

2. Odd, or fanciful styles of Architecture, may not be used among Believers, neither should any deviate widely from the common styles of Building, without the union of the Ministry and Elders.

# Counsels.

1. It is advisable to paint Meeting-Houses, white, without, and a bluish shade within, for the sake of uniformity. Dwellings should also, be as near uniform in color, as consistent; And Shops in like manner, should be uniform, so far as practicable, and a little darker than dwellings.

2. For uniformity, it is advised for Dwelling House floors, if stained at all, to be of a reddish yellow.

3. Back-Buildings, as Barns, Wood-houses &c. if painted at all, should be of a darker hue than dwellings, Shops; as Red, Brown, Umber, Lead-color, Chocolate, or some such modest color. - But, when such buildings front the street, or command a sightly aspect,

they should be painted like shops.

4. It is imprudent and unadvisable to paint such Articles, as come to ready wear; so as to wear out, before they rust out.

## Section VI.

## Miscellaneous Counsels.

* 1. Brethren and Sisters, should avoid thronging the Office to visit Believers, late in the evening, or, as they are about to return home.

2 Members should not tell the Gifts, or peculiar regulations of the family in * which they live, to other families.

* 3. Brethren, and Sisters, should not leave their companions in employ, to be gone over half an hour, without giving

them information where they are going.

4. Lengthy conversations should not be held in the street, if consistent to avoid it.

5. It is unsafe, and, therefore, improper to redrill, a hole in a Rock, when it is charged for blasting.

6. It is advisable for Believers, to abstain from all kinds of fermented liquors, as a Beverage.

7. Buildings, which get out of repair, should be repaired soon, or taken away.

8. Doors, and Gates, should not be left swinging, but, either kept shut, or fastened open.

9. Curtains, should not be left in such

a manner, as to be blown out at the windows,

10. It is unsafe to leave any kind of garments, or yarn, or cloth, spread, or hung out over night, unless it is watched.

11. It is uncleanly for Brethren and Sisters, to spit out at the windows, on the floors, walls, cellar-bottoms, or sinks.

12. It is unsafe to shoot with Guns, near the barns, or other buildings, unless the wadding be of leather shavings, or something, not liable to take fire.

* 13. It is unadvisable, to use locks, and keys in the Dwelling-House, except where public Stores are kept, and no false locks, should be used in the Dwelling-House on any private possession.

14. It is uncleanly, to allow Cattle, or Sheep, to feed in the Door-Yards; and they should not be driven carelessly through them; and it is a good Rule to mow Door-Yards twice a year.

15. It is improper to cut up the Door-Yards into little Cross-paths; and By-Roads; but when consistent, all should keep on the walks.

16. When Brethren or Sisters, are about the farm, and pass the Bars, or Gates, they should always leave them closed, unless they find them evidently left open, on purpose; And when Brethren, are about the farm and find Gates open, Bars down, or fences broken down, they should put them in order, if consistent, and if not, inform those set in order to take care of them, on their return home.

17. All implements of labor, Carts, Waggons, sleighs, sleds, &c. &c. should be put in their proper places on Saturday night, and so far as consistent, every night, and all of these things should be done in season to retire at the time appointed if possible.

18. No kind of Beasts, Birds &c. &c. should be kept for mere curiosity; or for the sake of fancy, or show.

19. When Believers enter the Dwelling-House, they should walk softly and in the fear of God.

20 Slamming Doors, or Gates, should not be practiced by Believers.

21. Believers, should avoid lounging in the windows, or leaning on the window stools, as if they were asleep, or

gazing out at passers by, and particularly on the Sabbath.

22. If a Brother or Sister be missing at the Dinner Table, the place should be immediately filled.

23. No one should allow himself to pass carelessly over small and useful things as a Nail, Pin &c. &c. thinking it too small to pick up and save; for our Heavenly Father may consider such too small to bestow a blessing upon.

24. When Brethren or Sisters, are assembed to sing, or support union, no one should read aloud, without the request, or consent of the company, lest some greater gift should be obstructed.

25. When any one is out of health, such should not defer applying to the Physicians until Saturday night, or Sabbath Day, for the purpose of saving time for temporal employment.

26 Brethren, should not present themselves, to support union with the Sisters, when they have aught one against another; and Sisters, should not present themselves to support union, with the Brethren, when they have aught one against another.

27 Believers, should not keep any beast, that needs an extravagant portion of whipping, or beating; but such had be sold to the children of this world, or killed.

28. No one should be sleeping in Meeting time, or be gaping, at Spectators, in public Meeting.

29. Rocking-Chairs should not be used in singing Meetings.

30. All should avoid unnecessarily frequenting the rooms, wherein they do not live, except on duty.

31. Believers, should not keep Pots of flowers, in, or around Dwelling Houses, or Shops.

## Conclusion.

Whoever knowingly, or willfully breaks the order of the gospel, should feel that they have "sinned, in that thing", and should feel themselves, solemnly obliga-

ted to confess it, and put it away in the line of order.

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* The Elders, of every Family, throughout Zion, should keep a Record of the Orders, contained in this Book; or, such a portion of them, as the Ministry deem suitable for, and adapted to the family over which they are called to preside, and the same should be frequently read or spoken to the family.

Perhaps the most judicious way to make a suitable and lasting impression upon the minds of the people, would be to read one section, of them only at one Meeting, thus confin-
* ing the attention to one subject.

It is very important that

every Believer, should get an <u>understa-</u>[<u>nding</u>]
of the <u>Orders</u>, which they are called to keep.—

# Mother Lucy's

# Sayings.

## Spoken at different times,

## and,

## Under Various Circumstances.

" Young people must not expect to please themselves with every <u>fancy</u>, or think to have every <u>notion</u> that they would naturally want, or to have their own ways; but they must remember that they are called to be exemplary in all things."

"Brethren and Sisters, you hear a great deal about the cross; perhaps a great deal more than you want to hear, many times; but every one ought to consider, that <u>all</u> they have gained towards the kingdom of Heaven is by the "<u>daily cross</u>", and all, who do not bear, or carry, this <u>daily cross</u>, in all their <u>thoughts</u>, <u>words</u>, and <u>actions</u>, cannot travel in the way of God"

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"Some think they have harder times, and <u>their</u> crosses are greater than others; but such ought to consider, whether there is not something <u>in</u> them which <u>needs</u> greater crosses, to subdue, and then, dont you <u>flounce</u>, or <u>frown</u>, until you see whether you do not need, <u>all</u> (the cross) you have, and more."

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" Brethren and Sisters, I feel many times you would trample on the "Laws, of Zion," and would go one side of Order, to satisfy some inclination in yourselves; such as you call, "Little Orders," you pass by, and will say, By and By, when Mother and the Elders are gone; "Why! we did so, and so, when Mother was here! - Why, cannot we do so now? - "If they allowed such things, who can blame us"? - But, I want you to remember, that such things are not allowed. - We do not allow of disorder."

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"Mother, on speaking to her children on Christmass said." - "If there are any hard feelings, difficulties, or any thing so great, that it cannot be settled to day, it ought to be done tomorrow; and if you cannot get hold of a forgiving spirit, - Do, sell all that you have, and buy it, you have

enough to part with if you will.

I desire there may be none, neither male, nor female, but that labor to be "Peace Makers." - I can sense very clearly the reward of the "Peace Maker". You had better sacrifice a great deal, than not to keep peace, Brethren and Sisters."

You must not take offence, nor give offence; if any one will take offence, they will give offence, and, if they will give offence, they will take offence; - If you break the precious laws of Christ, you get off the christian ground.

This, I call a sacrifice, to give up, and hate our nasty natures, natural dispositions, and ugly appetites; with which we were all born in to the world. - And who is there, that will flinch, or give back because the way is so straight? -

I hope there are none. I do not glory in my profession. — I would as willingly be a Jew, as a Shaker, unless I live a godly life. — I might as well be a Jew, as to profess to be a follower of Christ, and not be one."

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"I do not know, but I have a different understanding of the gospel, and about the way of God, from what some of you have. I thought when I first heard the gospel, that I must give up every kind of evil.

I thought that old ugly was going to be rejected. I expected to give up pride, covetousness, deceit, lying, and every bad thing, if I ever went to Heaven. And if you think you can give way to Back-Biting, anger, crabbed, crooked ways, and whatever an evil nature may lead you to, and

think you are going to Heaven.— I want no such Heaven.— If there are any who have a disposition too good, too nice, and too pretty, to be destroyed, they ought let it be known; that we need not expect so much of them; but my natural make is none too good to die.— ———

——— I do not want to save it.— I hate my old, natural, disposition, and I find need of the cross.—"

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"You ought to have love and union to each other, a godly union, which is very different from a fleshly union.— I desire you would speak to each other in the new tongue; and not let the old tongue bear any rule.— Just as much as you give way to the old tongue, to chafe, and gall, each other, just so much you are defiled."—

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Those who have the "Spirit" of Christ, are meek, submissive, and humble, it makes them simple like children; willing to do any thing to find the favor of God."

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"I want you to consider how mean and poor you are without the Gift of God.- This does not lift you up, and make you proud, and disdain submission; neither will it make you feel cast down, or despised, but by it you will feel confidence and peace."-

But this great big sense, makes one feel hateful.- It makes one look contemptible.- I can almost, tell a person who feels Big; wherever I see such an one."-

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" I can love and bless all. –
I feel that the Brethren and Sisters, are
my interest, and that I am theirs. –
I feel that I cannot do without them;
nor they without me. – I desire that
none would excuse themselves, that they
cannot bless; because there is something
in the way. – There is always room enough
to bless." –

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" I feel more concerned about
the union, than almost any thing else.
I desire you all to watch yourselves, in
this point. – It is a matter, that all
can understand. – There are none of
you so strong, that you can ~~[illegible]~~ divide
and seperate out, without loss. You
cannot go to Heaven alone; but you
can be lost alone. – I believe disun-
ion will be the overthrow of many

yet.— But, if any souls are lost, they will have to come down, and acknowledge their own folly and guilt."

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" If any feel as though they could not have their natures spoiled, they ought to step back, and not unite with the rest in worship.

There is a daily duty to do, that is, for the Brethren, to be kind to the Brethren, Sisters kind to the Sisters, and Brethren and Sisters, kind to each other. You ought to be very careful, how you speak to each other.— speak lovingly, one to another, according to the simplicity of the gospel.—

Mother Lucy, in speaking to a Company of young Brethren and Sisters,

said, I was taught, when I was a young Believer, that I had better <u>eat</u> my fingers off than to <u>speak</u>, or <u>feel</u>, against those who were before me in travel, in the way of God; and, it <u>is</u> really so, and you <u>must not</u> do it.

And again, said Mother, you must <u>all</u> labor, to keep <u>good "Order,"</u> for it is your protection.

The <u>Orders</u> of God seem <u>hard</u> to a carnal mind, but I should say there are not many, if any here present so <u>young</u>, but that they may <u>see</u>, and <u>feel</u>, the necessity of keeping good Order.

To my sense, Believers are held together in <u>union</u>, by a <u>"Golden Chain"</u> This <u>Chain</u> is composed of the <u>Gifts</u> and <u>Orders</u>, of God, and every <u>Order</u> is a <u>link</u> in this Chain; and if you <u>break</u> any of these Orders

you break this chain, and are exposed to be led astray. - But, while you are careful to keep the Gifts and Orders of God, you are surrounded by this "Golden Chain," and are secure from all evil." -

Note. This last sentence was spoken by Mother, about fifteen days before her Decease.

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By I. S. P. -

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# Certificate

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" We, the present Ministry, of the Church of Christ, in New-Lebanon, and Water-Vliet, do solemnly own and acknowledge our full faith in, and approbation of the foregoing Rules, Orders, and counsels, which have been given, and established by our Gospel Parents, and by their successors, the Ministry and Elders.

And, we do solemnly promise, in the presence of God, and our Heavenly Parents, faithfully, to support, and maintain the same from this time henceforth, and forever, so far as Wisdom will permit.

over.

In testimony whereof, we thankfully set our Names, and affix our seals this first day of May, One thousand eight hundred, and sixty.

Daniel Boler. —— L. S.
Giles B. Avery. —— L. S.
Betsey Bates. —— L. S.
Eliza Ann Taylor. —— L. S.

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